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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 10/784,286	<b>Applicant(s)</b> JEANVEAU, FLORIENT	
	<b>Examiner</b> Gary L. Welch	<b>Art Unit</b> 3765	

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#### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 February 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 24 February 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \*    c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

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## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Claim Objections***

1. Claim 3 is objected to because of the following informalities:

Claim 3 requires the rigid planar sheet to be fabricated from plywood. However, the specification is silent with respect to the material used in fabrication of the rigid planar sheet.

2. Claims 7-9 are objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as being in improper form because a multiple dependent claim cannot depend from another multiple dependent claim. See MPEP § 608.01(n). Accordingly, the claims 7-9 not been further treated on the merits.

Appropriate correction is required.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112***

3. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

4. Claims 1-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 1 requires that the pelting system comprises a template having the standard form and size of industry standard pelts. What is the standard form and size?

Item (a) requires a template. Item (b) uses the wording "each size template". It is unclear if one template is required or multiple templates.

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Item (d) states a method in which to gain the most from a fur pelt. It is unclear if claim 1 is suppose to be an apparatus claim or a method claim. Additionally, it is unclear how or what means enables a user to gain the most from a fur pelt.

Claim 2 states that the template "may come" from a printed sheet material transferred to a rigid planar sheet material. It is unclear what is meant by this recitation.

Claims 3-9 depend from rejected claims 1 and 2 and are therefore rejected accordingly under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

5. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

6. Claims 1-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Nelson (U.S. 3,407,634).

Nelson discloses a pelting system 10 comprising a template 17, a plurality of evenly spaced perforations (Figure 3) along the periphery of the template and pointed nails 18.

With regard to claim 2, the rigid planar sheet material is of suitable thickness to provide lateral support.

With regard to claim 3, the rigid sheet material is plywood (Col. 3, lines 22-27).

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With regard to claim 4, the edge of each perforation is beveled (see figure 3 where nail head 22 is flush with surface 23).

With regard to claim 5, the perforations in which the nail enters may be at right angles to the frame surface or substantially at right angles (Col. 3, lines 28-33).

Substantially at right angles is broad enough to consider that the perforations are tilted.

With regard to claim 6, the nails 18 are sharp 20.

### ***Conclusion***

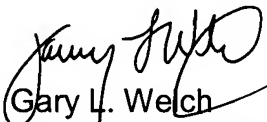
7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Townsend '928, Gibson '145, Hollywood '118, Black et al. '293, Olson '435, Scott '391, Johnson '270, Weigand et al. '167 and Montgomery '907 disclose various fur and pelt stretchers.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gary L. Welch whose telephone number is (571) 272-4996. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 5:30-3:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John J. Calvert can be reached on (571) 272-4983. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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